AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please change the heading at page 18, line 1, from "Patent claims" to --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

-- Claim 9 (new): A compound of formula (I)

$$H \longrightarrow N \qquad X \qquad (I)$$

wherein

R represents methyl or ethyl, and

X represents hydrogen or fluorine.

Claim 10 (new): A compound of formula (I) according to Claim 9 wherein

R represents methyl, and

X represents hydrogen or fluorine.

Claim 11 (new): A compound of formula (I) according to Claim 9 wherein

R represents methyl, and

X represents hydrogen.

Claim 12 (new): A process for preparing compounds of formula (I) according to Claim 9 comprising reacting a compound of formula (II)

wherein R represents methyl or ethyl,

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with a compound of formula (III)

$$H_3C$$
 SO_2 O F F (III)

wherein X represents hydrogen or fluorine,

in the presence of inert solvents and optionally in the presence of an acid binder.

Claim 13 (new): A nematicidal composition comprising one or more compounds of formula (I) according to Claim 9 and one or more extenders and/or surface active agents.

Claim 14 (new): A method of combating nematodes comprising allowing an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) according to Claim 9 to act on nematodes and/or their environment.

Claim 15 (new): A process for preparing a nematicidal composition comprising mixing one or more compounds of formula (I) according to Claim 9 with one or more extenders and/or surface active agents and/or other adjuvants. --

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